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In the debate between Princeton and Yale, the decision was that the Princeton bang exceeded in its aspect of non-intellectuality anything that had recently appeared in public.

In bringing over Chinese for the purpose of subsequently smuggling them into the United States, the British Columbians are reported to have inadvertently imported small pox of the worst type. The heart-felt sympathy of the American people is extended to them.

ENGLAND's soldiers are busily engaged in slaying the natives of distant India. It is reassuring to know that the slaughter is purely beneficent in character, and that if England was not certain the natives would be better off dead than alive, they would be left alone.

It will probably surprise those American advocates of the canals to learn that there are to-day 3,800 miles of canals used for navigation. In a country where railroading has the highest form of development no favor is found in any suggestion looking toward giving up the artificial waterways.

CALIFORNIA farmers have no cause of complaint against the present season, as rain has come with great regularity and the prospects for fruit and grain were never brighter. The total rainfall for the season in nearly all the counties is over fifteen inches, and in all the northern counties it is over twenty-five inches.

The introduction of bullet proof clothing as an offset to smokeless powder and improved two-mile guns will make the art of war one of pleasurable exhilaration, with very little danger. About the only people who will be injured by a war in the twentieth century will be the over-worked tailors and machinists.

THE resident of Gadsden, Ala., whose life was saved in a duel by the bullet striking a book over his heart, should immediately furnish a bill of particulars. If it was the traditional Bible his mother gave him, he will be permitted some latitude in explaining how he came to indulge in the ungodly occupation of dueling.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS, who was for years a slave in Talbot county, Md., is negotiating for one of the handsomest estates near his old home. Of course, his talents and opportunities are not shared by all of his race, but his example ought to serve as an incentive to other colored men and lead to a partial solution of the race problem.

A MILAN, Tenn., man who apparently died and then came to again stirred up the neighborhood in which he resides by vivid tales of heaven and what he claimed to have seen there. Unfortunately the man died in reality twenty-four hours later, before the reporters had a chance to try their hands on a revised version of Revelation.

A BILL has been introduced in the Connecticut legislature providing for the punishment of persons who send "fake" news to newspapers. The evil complained of has grown to great proportions lately. Three or four centers of humbug Connecticut news send such tales to New York papers and to any Connecticut papers that will pay for such service.

THE Tehuantepec railroad, from the gulf to the Pacific, is nearing completion, and so quietly has the Mexican government prosecuted the work that the rather important fact has hardly attracted notice. It is a route 1,500 miles shorter to San Francisco than via the isthmus of Panama, but it will have powerful competition to overcome, notwithstanding.

THE funeral as a social function is something new and is being gravely discussed by women who do not seem wholly brutal or totally devoid of sense. The mooted question is whether one should attend the obsequies of a person upon whom in life she had not called or who had moved in a different set. A woman who would consider such a problem should by all odds attend a funeral, without delay. The suggestion that it be her own seems almost superfluous.

It is observed that as the ladies, obeying the edicts of fashion, begin to shorten their trains, the gentlemen, equally obedient to the same arbiter, begin to lengthen the skirts to their Prince Alberts. The latest cut of these attenuated garments gives them a tail that almost sweeps the ground. At the present pace it will not be long before the wearer of the Prince Albert train will have to abandon his cane. He will need both hands to keep it out of the mud.

SHORTAGE OF WHEAT

GRAIN SPECULATORS GREATLY EXCITED.

Reports from Kansas and Missouri indicate that the crop has been so badly damaged that there will be a shortage of many million bushels.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 10.—There is much excitement here over the alarming situation in Kansas. Every eye in the grain markets of the world is turned toward the Southwest. This fact was plainly evidenced yesterday by the deluge of telegrams pouring in upon commission houses from New York, Baltimore and other Atlantic seaboard exporting ports inquiring to the truth of rumors concerning the Kansas and Missouri outlook. Last year Kansas raised 70,000,000 bushels of wheat, or 5,000,000 bushels more than the United Kingdom. According to Secretary Mohler's April report the State will only raise 50,000,000 bushels this year. However, grain men are taking issue with his figures, and judging from present conditions, the yield cannot be more than one-half or 35,000,000 bushels.

The news from the southwest generally was of a sensational character yesterday. John Inglis, an acknowledged corn authority, in a summary of the winter-wheat situation, claims a yield of 100,000,000 bushels less than last year and 100,000,000 bushels less than an average yield.

From Emporia, Kan., a telegram reports the thermometer at 96 and a terrible wind blowing from the southwest. The atmosphere was hazy with dust and the weather of a most unfavorable character. Every day of such weather knocks off millions of bushels from the Kansas wheat crop. The telegraphic weather report along the Kansas Division of the Union Pacific reported no rain and unfavorable conditions. Western Union advices rated hot winds and no signs of moisture. A Union Pacific official arrived in town from an extended trip over the line and told the same story.

From Kingsville, a telegram reported the injury to wheat at 45 per cent. Lorraine, Kan., reported hot winds, and the crop irreparably damaged. Andale, Kan., brought tidings of a similar character.

Clinton, Mo., reported a prospect of not over half a crop and a great deal of wheat being plowed up.

The interest in crop conditions was never more than intense than at present, and the amount of speculation passing over the wires between Kansas City and the great exchange has reached a phenomenal volume.

Rain will cause a complete revulsion, of course, but the weather bureau prediction do not hold forth any hope of moisture.

MADE THEM RECONSIDER IT.

Gov. Nelson Forces the Minnesota Legislature to Adopt His Views.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 10.—Some-what sensational was the passage of the Peterson grain bill by the House of Representatives. This bill was introduced by Senator Peterson and represented the views of Gov. Nelson on the handling of grain. It passed the Senate some time ago and when reached in the House was at first defeated, not enough Republicans standing by it to save it. After a very warm debate it was reconsidered, and received just enough votes to pass, through a mistake and a threat. Mr. McGuire, a Populist, voted for the bill by mistake, his vote carrying the measure. He afterward tried to change his vote, but was not allowed to do so. A number of others voted for the bill avowedly because of a fear that if this bill did not pass the Governor would veto the bill for a new capitol. It was repeatedly asserted by members during the voting and not denied that the Governor had announced such intention.

MORE SPECULATION IN WHEAT

Renewed During the Last Week—Dun's Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, April 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: "Speculation has been renewed in wheat, with an advance here of about 2 cents on sales of 32,000,000 bushels. Western receipts have been 2,300,000 bushels in four days this week, and Atlantic exports only 700,000 bushels. The stocks in sight continue unprecedented. Corn dropped 1 cent and oats 1 1/2 cents on small transactions, while pork fell \$1 per barrel, lard 60 cents and hogs 80 cents per 100 pounds. Coffee has declined 1/2 of a cent, with small sales.

"Money at Chicago is firm, with large requirements, and general trade satisfactory. Receipts of wheat, sheep, butter and oats exceed last year's for the week, but in other products a decrease appears, especially in cured meats, corn, rye, hogs and wool.

"The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 237, as compared with totals of 194 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 308."

Schooner Lumberman Lost.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 10.—The steamer Menominee of the Goodrich Transportation Company has arrived here with the crew of the schooner Lumberman. The Lumberman capsized off Racine point at 3 o'clock. She was making her first trip of the season from Chicago to Kewaunee. O. Vose, the Lumberman's captain, and five seamen spent three hours in the rigging of the vessel, it having righted itself in eight fathoms of water. When the vessel capsized the captain became entangled in the rigging and the sailors dived into the deep and rescued him.

TO ADOPT FEDERATION.

Railroad Organizations Preparing to Join Their Forces.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, April 10.—At a secret meeting last night attended by Grand Master Sargent of the firemen, Grand Master Wilkinson and Vice-Grand Master Morrissey of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Grand Master Wilson of the Switchmen's Association, Grand Master Ramsay of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and Grand Chief Clark and Grand Secretary Daniels of the conductors, the plan of federation agreed upon at the December meeting in this city was ratified. This plan will leave the members of each system of railroad at liberty to act for themselves within the provisions of the plan and under the approval of their executive officers in the matter of federation. It admits of federation between any or all of the members of the organizations represented and the engineers. The plan carefully preserves the present laws of the organization, provides against any violation thereof and also provides against in any way curtailing the authority vested by the orders in their executive officers.

BIG SMASH IN MEERSCHAUM.

Failure of Frederick Kaldenberg in New York—Large Liabilities.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Frederick Kaldenberg, one of the leading men in the meerscham pipe trade, made an assignment without preference to Henry C. Euler. Mr. Kaldenberg has three stores, located respectively at the corner of Beekman and Nassau Streets, corner Fulton and Cliff Streets, and at 6 Astor House, and he lives at Tarrytown. He is also the President and principal owner of the F. J. Kaldenberg Company of East Thirty-third Street, which manufactured the goods he sold. The business was started by Mr. Kaldenberg's father in 1858, and the assignor succeeded to it in 1899. In May, 1887, he incorporated the F. J. Kaldenberg Company, with a capital stock of \$500,000, and induced several well-known men to become interested in it.

Mr. Kaldenberg was looked upon in the trade as a man of wealth and large resources. In December last he made a statement to Bradstreet's showing assets of about \$1,000,000, liabilities \$300,000 and surplus \$600.

WAS RUINED BY GAMBLING

Cause of an Indianapolis Lawyer's Downfall.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 10.—John R. McFee pleaded guilty before Judge Cox this afternoon to the charge of forgery and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. McFee was the law partner of Judge Norton. Gambling led to his ruin and two months ago, after McFee's sudden and hasty departure from the city, it was discovered that he was a forger to the amount of \$12,000. A month after his flight he was located in Philadelphia. He was returned to Indianapolis and released on bail. Testimony was introduced to show McFee's previous good character. A plea for mercy was then made by McFee's counsel, after which sentence was pronounced.

Will Put the Money in Circulation.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 10.—The money locked up in the vaults of the Gate City bank was turned back into circulation. Mr. Stone, the examiner in charge, was directed by the comptroller of the currency to transfer the funds in the bank to the Atlanta National Bank. The work of counting and removing the funds was begun yesterday. Depositors do not get their money yet, but the \$200,000 or more in actual cash now in the Gate City bank will be in another national bank which can loan it out and relieve the financial stringency. Bank Examiner Stone thinks the bank will soon have enough money in hand to pay all depositors.

Michigan Quarries Consolidated.

MARQUETTE, Mich., April 10.—All the Portage entry quarries have been consolidated into one company, and it seems as if the object was to control all the sandstone quarries in the upper peninsula. The newly formed combination includes the Michigan Red Stone Company, Furst, Neu & Co. and Neu & Malone. Henry Furst has been elected president of the new concern, which will be known as the Portage Entry Quarries Company. The office of the company will be at Chicago.

Teacher Runs Away.

ATLANTIC, Iowa, April 10.—Miss B. Goudy, 18 years old, a kindergarten teacher of this city, is mysteriously missing. She left home to do some shopping, and soon after her mother received a note saying she would not return. It is thought that she has eloped with some admirer.

New Canal Contract.

PANAMA, Colombia, April 10.—A contract has been signed by which the government grants an extension of 20 months to the Panama Canal representative in which to organize a new company and renew work on the canal.

Eight Inches of Snow.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Snow began falling here yesterday morning and continued two hours. Advices from the Catskills state that eight inches of snow has fallen, while at Troy and Syracuse snow has fallen to the depth of three inches. Boston had four inches of snow Thursday.

Yale Will Accept the Date.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 10.—Capt. A. H. Jones of the Yale Track Athletic Association has decided to accept Harvard's proposal of May 13 as the date of the next Yale-Harvard track athletic meeting at Cambridge. He will formally notify the Harvard management to that effect in a few days.

IT KILLED NINE MEN.

WIND STORM PLAYS HAVOC AT ROMEO, ILL.

Cantilever Used on the Drainage Canal Blown Down, Killing Nine Men and Injuring Six Others—Damage Wrought By the Storm.

JOLIET, Ill., April 10.—The first serious accident to occur on the drainage canal happened at Romeo, a village about ten miles north of this city. A heavy wind arose and was followed in about five minutes by a heavy fall of hail, which caused all the men to run to shelter.

The gang of men on one of the cantilevers ran into the engine house at one end of the huge machine. The tracks on which it runs extend north and south. The lever was on the south end of the track and had been carelessly left unfastened.

The wind now increased to a gale, struck the cantilever and started it down the track toward the engine house, in which fourteen men were huddled for protection from the storm. When the large machine reached the end of the tracks the bottom of it was compelled to stop by the manner in which the tracks are built. The top part, however, had gained such momentum that it could not stop and the enormous machine, weighing 280 tons, fell directly on the engine house.

As a result nine men were killed and six severely wounded. The accident occurred on Danbridge & Hanger's contract, and every effort was made at the commissary, where the dead and wounded were taken, to care for the injured men. The men were all Italians, except the foreman, who was Samuel Korus of this city. The cantilever was 350 feet long and was 90 feet in the air. The force of the fall damaged the machine itself so that it is a total loss. The wind also blew over another cantilever a mile north, but no damage was done.

WINDSTORM PLAYS HAVOC.

Buildings and Trees Torn Down—Great Tidal Wave at Racine.

RACINE, Wis., April 10.—At an early hour a severe electric storm visited this section of the country and did considerable damage. A barn at Yorkville, owned by Ralph Chambers, was struck by lightning and consumed, together with fifteen head of cattle, ten horses, farm machinery, hay and grain. The loss will amount to between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Other buildings were damaged by the lightning.

During the storm there was a tidal wave in the river. The water rose over four feet and flooded the low dock. Vessels were handled roughly, but escaped serious damage. The water remained at this high stage for about five minutes, then rapidly receded a foot below datum. About a year ago a similar wave did heavy damage to shipping. No explanation is given of the remarkable phenomenon.

LACOTA, Mich., April 10.—A windstorm blew down fully a dozen barns in this vicinity, including two of the largest here. One windmill was carried over one hundred yards. Houses were rocked from their foundations. Apple trees were blown down, one man losing nearly his whole orchard. The total damage is estimated at \$10,000. The house of Lou Dalrymple was struck by lightning and torn to pieces, but fortunately the family escaped uninjured.

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich., April 10.—The worst windstorm on record in this vicinity struck South Haven about 1 o'clock. The cover of the water-works standpipe was blown off and chimneys were blown down. There was an immense fall of rain. South of the town great damage was done to farm buildings. Many barns were leveled, roofs were torn off, a school-house was wrecked and several buildings were struck by lightning.

Michigan Family Becomes Rich.

LANSING, Mich., April 10.—By the death of Enoch Ketchum, who died in New York city two months ago, leaving an estate valued at \$3,000,000, Joseph A. Fowler of this city, his brother—Charles of Morenci, George of St. Johns and William of Corunna—and a sister, Mary K. Clark of the last named place, will each come into possession of \$500,000. They are children of the late Elizabeth Ketchum Fowler of Corunna, a cousin of Enoch, who never married and left no brothers or sisters.

Saw the Body of "Jim Corbett."

RACINE, Wis., April 10.—Capt. Charles Hyttle and John Benson, fishermen of this port, claim that they discovered the body of the sea lion "Jim Corbett" floating up the lake fourteen miles northeast of this port. The body was so badly decomposed that they did not bring it ashore. This is the sea lion which escaped from Lincoln Park at Chicago last year and which was seen at several of the northern lake ports this winter.

Prairie Fires in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 10.—Prairie fires are burning at several points near here, and it is feared with the heavy wind prevailing that great damage will be done. Reports from recent fires run the damages to stock and barns into the thousands. H. L. White of this city lost over \$10,000 worth of stock. The fire is sweeping toward this place now, but ample fire-breaks and the hose companies will prevent its reaching the city.

Ex-Auditor Benton Impached.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 10.—At the joint session of the two Houses of the Legislature articles of impeachment were declared against ex-Auditor T. H. Benton. A resolution was adopted postponing action on the case of ex-Attorney-General Leese.

CORA TANNER'S WOES.

Says She Was Not Mrs. Farlan and Thinks Her Alimony Should Be Sustained.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Cora T. Tanner Sinn, the defendant in the suit of Col. W. E. Sinn, the manager of the Park Theater in Brooklyn, for an annulment of their marriage, has presented an additional affidavit in support of her application for alimony and counsel fees. She says that she married Dr. Farlan at Wayland, Mich., on Sept. 20, 1878, and lived with him only one week, her engagements as an actress requiring her absence. Six weeks later, Dr. Farlan rejoined her in New York, but in a few days deserted her, and she has never seen him since. She sued Dr. Farlan for divorce in Illinois, and got her decree on Feb. 24, 1883. On Feb. 14, 1886, she was married to Col. Sinn at Cleveland. It was not until after Col. Sinn brought the present suit that she discovered that Dr. Farlan, when he married her, had a wife living from whom he had not been divorced. She left Col. Sinn in June, 1892, because he told her that she was not his wife, and went to live at her mother's house.

Her circumstances have become so reduced that she is unable to employ a servant, her only income being \$3,000, which is drawing 2 1/2 per cent. Her furniture is worth \$1,000 and her jewelry \$1,500, while her theatrical wardrobe would not bring \$1,800. Her efforts to secure a professional engagement have been hampered by the present action and by the reports circulated with the plaintiff's authority that he has lost \$50,000 in the last few years by the management of her business. These losses, she says, did not amount to more than \$20,465, and she shared in them to the extent of one-third.

Colonel Ingersoll said there was no doubt whatever that the defendant was the wife of Colonel Sinn. Counsel for Colonel Sinn said he would give the defendant \$1,500 for her share of the furniture, which would make \$7,300 available, so that there would be no need of alimony and counsel fee. The plaintiff is to submit another affidavit before a decision is rendered.

PITTSBURG BLUE LAWS.

Prosecutions Which May Abolish Both Sunday and Monday Morning Papers.

PITTSBURG, April 10.—The Pittsburgh Law and Order Society, which has been for some months prosecuting newsboys and newspaper carriers and agents for Sunday labor under the act of 1794, and which has been sustained in the Supreme Court of the State, tried a new trick. C. W. Houston, business manager and one of the stockholders of the Press, an afternoon daily and Sunday morning paper, was arrested and tried before an alderman and fined \$75 and cost for three violations of the law. Mr. Houston objected to the decision against him on the ground that he has never worked on Sunday in his life and that the workers on Monday morning papers do nearly all the work on the Sabbath. Mr. Yost, attorney for the Law and Order Society, then informed Mr. Houston that the publishers of Monday morning papers are next to be prosecuted and that it will not be long before all the Pittsburgh newspaper workers are employed only five days in each week, unless they get out Monday papers after 12 o'clock Sunday night.

CHECK ON FILIBUSTERS.

Precautions at Key West to Prevent an Expedition Sailing for Cuba.

KEY WEST, April 10.—The Spanish authorities on the Island of Cuba have been forced to give credence to the alleged filibuster expedition now organizing at Key West and expecting to leave at any time.

The Spanish Consul here has been ordered to prevent the culmination of any such movement. The Consul has consulted with the Federal officers, and as a result the entire customs force has been ordered out to patrol the beach around Key West, and this force will be reinforced as soon as possible. In regard to the recent report that President Heurieux of Santo Domingo broke into the French bank located at the capital and stole \$62,000, inquiry into the matter develops the fact that the money was seized by a sheriff upon a personal judgment obtained by the President against the bank, and the proceeding was in full accord with the law.

Canada's Quarantine Stations.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 10.—The Deputy Minister of Public Works has returned from a tour of inspection of the quarantine stations in the maritime provinces and reports them properly equipped and ready for effective work. The station at Grosse Isle will be one of the most complete establishments of the kind in the world.

Wind and Snow in Dakota.

DEADWOOD, S. D., April 10.—A terrible wind and snowstorm has been prevailing here for the last forty-eight hours. Telegraph and telephone wires have been blown down and others unroofed. Piedmont is partially destroyed. All trains are tied up. The velocity of the wind is seventy-five miles per hour. The damage cannot be estimated.

Arthur Again Enjoined.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 10.—P. M. Arthur, Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Engineers, was served yesterday with another restraining order issued at Toledo by Judge Taft. It enjoins him from issuing any boycotting order against the Toledo, Ann Arbor & North Michigan Railway, and from inducing employees of connecting line to discriminate against that line in any manner pending further action in the United States Circuit Court.